

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required restriction among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-11, 13-17, and 21-24, drawn to a transmission; and

Group II: Claims 12, 18-20, and 25-27, drawn to a method of assembling a transmission.

The Examiner has also required restriction among the following species:

Species I: Fig. 1;

Species II: Fig. 5;

Species III: Fig. 11; and

Species IV: Fig. 16.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I and Species I including claims 1-11 for further prosecution in this application, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is generic to Species I, III and IV. Thus, Claims 1-11, 13-17 and 25-27 are proper for examination. Further, since Claim 1 is generic, if claims 13-17 and 25-27 are not examined, Applicants traverse and request rejoinder on allowance of the generic claim.

A prompt and favorable Office Action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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